

NEWSLETTER

February 2025

“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.” —Ephesians 6:18

For Wednesday night's bible study, we're learning and practicing how to pray!

You might feel like you already know what you're doing when you pray—and you might feel like it's a relief to know you're not the only one who feels lost. You might also feel like you used to enjoy prayer, but now it feels like you're just talking to the wall. The Church has testimonies of all these experiences—and many people find themselves feeling like all three at some point in their lives.

So on Wednesdays (6 pm Fellowship Hall), we're looking at the art, practice, discipline, and tool that is prayer. Some of our praying will be familiar and some of it will be trying new ways of praying you've never done before. The point isn't that there is only one right way to pray—the point is that we're called to pray.

Prayer is a means of grace, a way that God uses to work his will in our bodies and souls, a channel through which God's grace can be conveyed, a way to draw us and collaborate in his work in us and the world.

Prayers are the way in which we know God better and ourselves better and the way that we respond to the God who has loved us and sought us out first.

May God bless you and our church as we pray!
Pastor Magan

Weekly Wednesday Night Dinner

Welcome to dinner, Church! MUMC hosts weekly dinners every Wednesday night beginning at 5:30 pm – everyone is welcome!

- **2/5** Pot roast, Chicken Pot Pie, mashed potatoes, green beans, and mac & cheese
- **2/12** Fundraiser Dinner for Deonna Woodlief's Costa Rica Mission Trip
- **2/19** Calhoun's BBQ & sides

Middlesettlements at MorningView

Middlesettlements UMC hosts weekly evening worship on Sundays at 6:30 pm at Morning View Village (2304 East Lamar Alexander Parkway). This service was begun at the request of Morningview Village residents, who had no regular worship service to attend. Everyone is invited to attend—your presence would be a blessing and outreach to the residents! If you would like to serve in worship (read scripture, help with set up, lead singing, play hymns), please let Pastor Magan know.

The Women's Circle will meet on Tuesday, February 18, at 6:30 pm at the home of Julia Keylon (3306 Bluff View Dr, Louisville). Our mission emphasis will be items for a silent auction for the Alaska Food Pantry in Willow, Alaska. For more information, contact Joyce

Faithfulness

"I will support the church with my presence, prayers, gifts, and service!" (Membership vow)

Attendance

Attendance	S.S.	Worship	
January		Morning	MorningView
5	55	96	No service
12		snow	16
19	52	91	No Service
26	58	104	15

Jan	Designated Budget	Undesignated Budget	Total Budget
5	\$6,779	\$650	\$7,429
12	Snow - no service		
19	\$7,640	\$375	\$8,015
26	\$2,607	\$100	\$2,707

Designated Budget (100% will go to support Middlesettlements Church)

Undesignated Budget (10% of your offering will be tithed to the United Methodist Church)

Louisville Christian Assistance Center: \$675
 Family Promise: \$100
 Maintenance: \$200; Evangelism/backpack: \$160
 Memorial: \$100
 Costa Rica Fundraiser (Lewis): \$2,200
 Staff Salaries: \$250

"Remember the Church in your will."



Pregnancy
Resource
Center

Lenten Mission Emphasis 2025

This year, we will again choose the **Pregnancy Resource Center** for our Mission Emphasis. If you want to give a one-time donation anytime during Lent, please mark your donation - "**Lenten Mission Emphasis**" in the memo line on your check.

About PRC: *"Pregnancy Resource Center is a pregnancy medical clinic providing services free of charge. In our holistic approach to medical services, we are here to provide you with the support you need before, during, and after your pregnancy. Our medical director or registered nurses on staff do not perform or refer for abortions. PRC is a 501(c)3 in Tennessee."* Since 1986, the Pregnancy Resource Center of Blount County, Tennessee, has helped women cope with unplanned pregnancies and consider their options in a compassionate and supportive environment. **Thank you for helping her be brave.**



Birthdays for February

February 4—Jo Cromwell
 February 9—Jacob Bryant, Kathy Puckett
 February 11—Grace Reilly
 February 12—Donnie Moore
 February 13—Anna Lewis
 February 14—Marian Cantley
 February 22—Michaela Clemens
 February 23—J. J. Wells, Maria Wright
 February 25—Janice Loveday
 February 27—Jameson Perkins
 February 29—Jim Gregg
 March 1—Briley Blankenship
 March 2—Eunice Greer
 March 3—Paula Kleinhans
 March 7—Will Carico

Anniversaries in February

February 3—Jim & Irene Tomlinson
 February 10—Jason & Staci Martin
 February 14—Jim & Brenda Raper
 February 20—Shelly & Michael Milligan
 February 21—Jack & Dee Loveday

Church Calendar

Church Calendar for 2025: If you are planning an event in 2025, please contact me at 865-982-4799 or umc.middlesettlements@gmail.com to get it on the calendar. This includes the Field of Dreams since we already have events on the calendar. Thanks for your help. -Joyce

Memorials

Middlesettlements Cemetery
In memory of Gene Morgan.

Betty Rogers
Donna Hembree
Judy Love Cohan
M & M Tennis Courts
Blanche Sunday School Class
Mary & Ed Gruffy
Dr Mary Leffell
Dr. Andrea Zackary
Lowell and Brenda (Clemens) Sneed
Velma Burke & Rob
Mike and Melinda Andes
Carolyn Hanson
June Love Shaw
Richard Davis
Maria Carpenter Wright
Andrew & Lori Sexton
Joyce Overton
Harold and Rachel Ammons



We're Hiring!

Middlesettlements is currently searching for a pianist. A part-time position, primary responsibilities include helping lead worship by accompanying congregational, contemporary praise team, and choral singing during worship services and rehearsals. A more detailed job description is available upon request. To apply, submit a cover email and resume to Pastor Magan at pastor.middlesettlements@gmail.com.

A colorful poster for a Wednesday Night Meal. It features a central photograph of a woman with glasses smiling while holding a baby. The text is overlaid on the image and includes the date, time, location, menu, and purpose of the event. The design is decorated with large purple and yellow hibiscus flowers and green leaves.

WED.
NIGHT MEAL
FEB. 12

IN THE
FELLOWSHIP HALL
5:15 - 6PM

MENU: SPAGETTI, SALAD,
BREAD & DESSERT

ALL DONATIONS GO TO
SUPPORT
DEONNA WOODLIEF'S
COSTA RICA MISSION TRIP!

A poster for a Wednesday Night Meal with a decorative blue floral border. The text is centered and includes the date, time, location, menu, and purpose of the event.

MARCH 5
Wednesday
Night Meal

IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
5:30-6p

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO SUPPORT
THE WOMEN'S CIRCLE'S
MISSIONS

MENU: CHICKEN
CASSEROLE, MEATLOAF,
SIDES & DESSERTS


Middlesettlements Church
2729 Middlesettlements Rd
Maryville, TN 37801

Return Address Requested

Melinda Andes, Organist
Rev. Susan Groseclose, UMC Deacon
Kate Keylon, Student Ministry Coordinator
Joyce Overton, Secretary
Rev. Magan Stubblefield, Pastor
David Wells, Worship Ministry Coordinator



Middlesettlements Memorial Fund



Write on your check to whom the memorials are for. Then, put them in the mailbox for Memorials outside the Church office, put them in the offering plate, or mail them to the Church.

Given in Memory of **Nick Hanson**
by Howie and Rachel Ammons
Given in Memory of **Carl Cromwell**
by Howie and Rachel Ammons

Upcoming Events

- Altar Flowers for February – Rose Marie Class**
February 12, 5:30 p.m. Missions Fundraiser
(Deonna Woodlief)
February 18, 6:30 p.m. Women’s Circle – home of
Julia Keylon
- Altar Flowers for March – Women’s Circle**
March 2, Shrove Sunday
March 5, Ash Wednesday
March 5, 5:30 p.m. Women’s Circle Fundraiser
March 9, 1st Sunday of Lent
March 16, 2nd Sunday of Lent
March 18, 6:30 p.m. Women’s Circle
March 23, 3rd Sunday of Lent

March 30, 4th Sunday of Lent